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In re Application of:

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For: Microsphere Adhesive Coated Article for Use with Coated Papers

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Preliminary Amendment

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment.

In the Specification:

Please amend the Specification by inserting before the first line, this sentence:

"This is a continuation of Application No. 09/211,157, filed December 4,
1998."

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-4 and 12-15, with prejudice.

5. (Amended) An adhesive coated article comprising a substrate with a first and second major surface and a layer of microsphere adhesive on at least a portion of the first major surface of the substrate, wherein the microsphere adhesive comprises (a) a plurality of polymeric, solid, elastomeric microspheres that are the reaction product of reactants comprising polymerizable starting materials comprising at least one C₄-C₁₄ alkyl (meth)acrylate ester monomers and at least one (meth)acrylamide comonomer with the proviso that the polar comonomer has no dissociable proton having a K_a of greater than 10⁻³, (b) a polymeric stabilizer in an amount of about 0.1 to about 3 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of the microspheres, and (c) a surfactant in an amount of no greater than about 5 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of the microspheres.

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